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What a wonderful week it was leading up to this Christmas break! There is something special about the week before Christmas and all of the traditions that go along with the season! Even before this week, our classes were getting into the Christmas spirit. I especially appreciated the hot chocolate I got to enjoy with the Kindergarteners last week!

Our last day before break was such a fun time together. Our elementary classes were on their own schedule but many of the classes got together to watch a Christmas movie based on a book they were reading! This, along with their classroom parties, was a great way to spend their last day with their classmates before a long break.

For the middle and high school classes, the day started with classroom parties. There was food, music, movies, games, and even some gift exchanges! Our students were even able to visit with other classrooms to see how the different classes' parties were going. Letting the students enjoy the different parties was the perfect way to add to the family atmosphere at Tri-State. After the parties, we got down to business.

I had been informed that there was a long-standing tradition at TSCA of a staff vs. students basketball game the day before break. Being one who loves traditions and any competition between our team and the kids, I was all for the idea! We had three different games in which staff members competed with the middle school girls' team, then the middle school boys' team, and finally a co-ed varsity team. I am proud to say that by hard work, hustle, possibly some help from the referees, and two amazing free throws by our own Mr. Moran, the staff won all three games. The kids might have been a bit put off by some of the questionable calls that were made, but I think they were all a bit surprised that they had to work so hard in a game against their teachers!

Finally, the day ended with a time where our upper school students gathered in the chapel to perform recitations of poetry from English and Critical Thinking class before we had some Christmas karaoke fun.

I am so blessed to be part of this school. The outpouring of love as we approach Christmas has been overwhelming. As we transition into the new year, I am so encouraged by everyone's effort to live by our theme verse and do all things to the glory of God!  
Merry Christmas, everyone!

Soli Deo gloria,  
**Mr. Jones**



*"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."*

I Corinthians 10:31